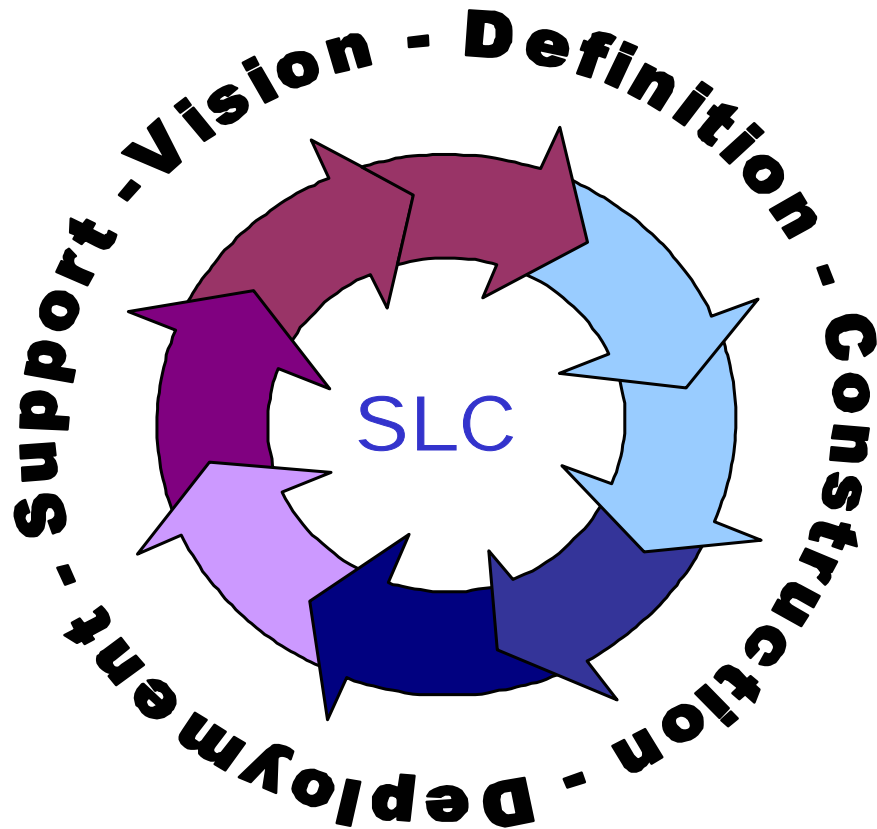




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1.0 Introduction

As part of its commitment to customers and partners, FSA manages risks on a continuous basis. Faced with a public and administration that has a heightened awareness of security concerns, FSA needs to demonstrate that its systems are worthy of trust and consistent with best security practices and U.S. Public Law and policy. Security incidents could undermine the credibility of FSA, and greatly affect its ability to help put America through school. In addition to losing credibility, actual fraud and abuse could occur without adequate security and privacy controls.

The purpose of the system security process guide is to ensure that security is an integral component of all FSA systems. The guide includes numerous aides to assist the project team develop the security artifacts that will support the system's overall security posture and auditability. As the system progresses through the lifecycle, the project team will produce documents such as a system security plan and, for certification and accreditation, a system security authorization agreement. The guide also provides direction for security training requirements, contingency planning, risk assessments, and other important security artifacts and activities.

Security is an integral component throughout the SLC. The following sections and appendices describe system security in sufficient detail to allow a project team to confidently implement security into their system (See appendix D for a detailed [Security SLC Project Plan](#)). For additional security-related information, FSA maintains the [Online Security Center](#) on its intranet. This site will be continually updated with the most recent security documents, artifacts, and guidance. Each section has a text box with all of the activities for the section and when available, hyperlinks to templates or more information from the Online Security Center.



The diagram below highlights the security artifacts to be completed during the system's lifecycle and where the system acquisition planning activities are performed in the SLC.

Vision	Definition	Construction	Deployment	Support and Retirement	
Problem Assessment	Solution Requirement	Detailed Design	Deployed Solution	Production Services	System Close-out
Approved Solution	Preliminary Design	Accepted Solution			
Planning and Managing					

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|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Case • RFP Security Requirements • Task Order Security Components • List of Business Partners • Assignments Letters • Security Artifact File System • Electronic Security Artifact File System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Roles and Responsibilities • Critical Infrastructure Protection Survey • GSS/MA Inventory Form • System of Record organization • Privacy Impact Assessment • Interconnected System(s) Security Documentation • MOU/ISA/TPA • C&A Project Plan • System Rules of Behavior • Constructed Clearance Requirement Matrix • Approved Contractor Access Request Form • Draft CM Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft System Security Plan • Draft COS • Draft DRP • Risk Assessment Report • Risk Assessment CAP • Cost Benefit Analysis • Final MOU/SLA • Completed User Background Investigation Clearance Form • Approved User Access Request Form • System Access Letters to Contractor Employees • Final CM Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed CAP • Final System Security Plan • Final COS • Final DRP • Security Test and Evaluation Plan • Certification Package • Certification Letter • Signed Accreditation Letter • User Training Schedule • Approved User Access Request Forms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Certified and Accredited certification package • Documented Completion of Test Results • Updated Operational Procedures • Updated Testing Results | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED System Disposal Checklist • System Retired |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|



2.0 Vision Phase System Security

The Vision Phase initiates the concept of the system. During this initial phase, security should already be considered while the system's business case and requirements are developed. During the vision phase, personnel with security responsibilities should be identified. Early identification of these personnel will promote the addition of security into the system's development from the initial concept and throughout its development. Moreover, the certification and accreditation (C&A) requirement for each system stresses the appointment of key personnel to manage the C&A process. Initially, the functional manager should assign, in writing, a system manager. The system manager, in turn, should assign, again in writing, a system security officer (See appendix C for example assignment letters). These two positions are usually Department of Education staff and are critical to the continual inclusion of security into the system. Care should be taken when considering who should be assigned the responsibility of System Security Officer, as that person will be the primary point of contact for all security related matters for the system (See appendix A for a description of the qualities and responsibilities of an SSO).

Primarily, the System Security Officer (SSO) should ensure the business case includes the necessary resources for adequately securing the system. Similarly, the RFP must include security requirements and evaluation and test procedures. The RFP should contain language to permit updating security controls as new threats/vulnerabilities are identified and as new technologies are implemented.

The Task Order should contain numerous security components. Ideally, the task order should recognize the following security areas:

- Security Plan
- Risk Assessment
- Certification and Accreditation
- Continuity of Support Plan
- Disaster Recovery Plan
- Federal Policy and Regulations
- Departmental Policy and Regulations
- Controls for Personnel Security
- Configuration Management

If the system will interface or rely on any external system, Memoranda of Understanding and Service Level Agreements must be developed as the system progresses through the lifecycle. The first step is to identify and document a list of potential business partners. During the vision phase, a dialogue should be established with potential business partners to begin to address the future relationships the parties will maintain throughout the system's lifecycle.

The SSO should establish an appropriate filing system to adequately maintain, update, protect and distribute system documentation. To maintain all relevant system artifacts, the SSO should maintain two



filing systems: paper based and electronic. The SSO should manage version control of all security documentation and track the distribution of security artifact copies.

Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO should submit a vision phase checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist should identify all security accomplishments attained during the vision phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that should be created during the vision phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

- Business Case
- RFP Security Requirements
- Task Order Security Components
- List of Business Partners
- [Assignment Letters](#)
- Security Artifact File System
- Electronic Security Artifact File System



3.0 Definition Phase System Security

As the system progresses through the definition phase, several security actions must occur. The system will be defined as a new system or major modification to an existing system, and then further defined as a General Support System (GSS), a Major Application (MA), or an Application (A). If the system is determined to be an Application, the security documentation requirements are considerably less than for an MA or GSS. For example, security plans and risk assessments are not required, but are still recommended.

The system's sensitivity must be classified and the system's criticality must be defined. To determine the system's sensitivity and criticality, the SSO will support completion of the GSS/MA Inventory worksheet. To define sensitivity, the system owner must review the importance of the system's data confidentiality, integrity, and availability. To determine the system's criticality, the system owner will complete the Department of Education's Critical Infrastructure Protection Survey. Using the Department's criticality formula with the numerical values the system owner assigned to the questions in the survey will help determine the system's criticality. The identified system sensitivity and criticality dictate the security controls necessary to protect the assets of the system.

Once the system has been classified, several data analyses should be conducted to determine appropriate security controls. Initially, a system of record analysis should be performed to ascertain whether there are Privacy Act implications resulting from the system's data. If the system will contain Privacy Act data that requires system of record notification, a system of record notification should be written and sent to the Federal Registry. Also a system of record schedule should be created and followed to ensure that federally imposed deadlines are met. Finally, the system's controls must be reviewed for federal and departmental policy compliance. At a minimum, the system will be reviewed for compliance with OMB Memorandum A-130 Appendix III, FISMA (NIST Self-Assessment), Department of Education Policy, and FSA policy. Completing a Privacy Impact Assessment, as mandated by the E-Government Act of 2002, provides another way to ensure that privacy concerns are being considered while the system is being created.

The System Manager should identify the roles and responsibilities of the user and developer community, to include FSA employees. During the definition phase, this community should be formally identified and their contact information should be documented.

If the system will be connected to another information source, the security documentation from the interconnected system should be obtained and reviewed. Likewise, the appropriate MOU/ISA/TPA agreements with the business partners and/or system owners should be drafted. The SSO will ensure security control input is included in the MOU/ISA/TPA. FSA has information explaining the differences between the agreements and also templates for the actual documents.

During the definition phase, the SSO should undergo appropriate training to prepare for the responsibilities of an SSO during the life of the system. The Department of Education maintains online



training curricula and there are also numerous training programs outside the department that may be appropriate for an SSO.

A key security component occurring during a system's development, the certification and accreditation process begins in the definition phase. Initially, the project team guided by the SSO should develop the C&A project plan. This plan will provide a schedule and list of activities to be completed prior to the system's deployment. Several of the initial tasks are listed below.

- Identify responsible organizations/individuals
- Identify resources and funding
- Define system boundaries
- Create C&A schedule
- Register C&A with Agency Security Office

Several personnel security activities occur during the definition phase. The system rules of behavior should be developed using guidance found in NIST Special Publication 800-18 Appendix B. The rules of behavior document informs the user of permissible actions while using the system and indicates the consequences of violating the rules of behavior policy. The contractor personnel should request access to the system by completing a rules of behavior form and returning the signed document to the SSO. This activity must be completed prior to granting access to the system.

Both FSA employees and contract support personnel must have some level of background screening prior to accessing the system. Specific clearance requirements have been developed for both FSA employees and contractors. The SSO should distribute background investigation clearance forms to the contract support personnel who will define and develop the system. After completing the required background screening, the contractor personnel must return the form to the SSO.

A configuration management plan assists security by providing a formalized change process. In this way, changes are made in a controlled fashion and documented. Configuration management documentation is key because it contains information on the current versions and settings of the system, information that is vital in the event of a disaster or some similar system disruption.



Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO should submit a definition phase checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist will identify all security accomplishments attained during the definition phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that will be created during the definition phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

- [System Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- [Critical Infrastructure Protection Survey](#)
- [GSS/MA Inventory Worksheet](#)
- System of Record Notice
- [Privacy Impact Assessment](#)
- [Interconnected System'\(s\) Security Documentation](#)
- MOU/ISA/TPA Draft
- C&A Project Plan
- [System Rules of Behavior](#)
- Constructed Clearance Requirement Matrix
- Approved Contractor Access Request Form
- [Draft Configuration Management Plan](#)



4.0 Construction Phase System Security

The construction phase contains numerous security activities. A large portion of these activities is dedicated to documentation. Primarily, the system security plan will be drafted during this phase. To accomplish this task, the project team members will first organize the following security-related documentation:

- Architecture Diagram and/or design diagram
- Security Requirements
- Interfaces and connectivity
- Operating environment
- User role descriptions
- Description of data
- Process map

Guidance for completing the security plan can be found in NIST Special Publication 800-18. This reference document includes definitions, templates, and general guidance for creating a federally approved system security plan. Also during the construction phase, the continuity of support and disaster recovery plan should be drafted. These plans describe how the system will continue its operation during an emergency situation.

A risk assessment, conforming to the FSA Risk Assessment Guide, must be performed to determine if intended security controls are adequate to protect the system. The first step is to identify potential system vulnerabilities using physical and network tests, documentation reviews, and federal policy compliance reviews. A threat source should be associated with each vulnerability once the list is established. Each vulnerability/threat pair should be evaluated for its potential impact to FSA if exploited, and for the likelihood the vulnerability/threat pair could be exploited. The result of this analysis yields a level of risk determination. These findings should be documented in a Risk Assessment Report.

A corrective action plan (CAP) must be developed responding to each risk assessment finding. From the CAP, a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) should be conducted to determine which corrective action(s) should be implemented based on the costs to implement the proposed security controls versus the security benefits received. Potentially, a particular security control is cost prohibitive and therefore should not be implemented. In this instance, management should formally accept the residual risk.

During the construction phase, the SSO should obtain and review the MOU/ISA/TPA for inclusion of appropriate security controls. If necessary, the SSO should make and submit additional security control inputs to the business partners and/or system owners.

Background investigations should be completed for all users of the system, as was completed for contract support personnel in the Definition phase. The SSO should issue requests for user background investigations per FSA requirements. Once completed, the SSO should collect completed contractor background investigations and maintain the file. Also, users of the system and contract support personnel should complete user access forms and sign a system rules of behavior document. The SSO should



distribute the two forms to the user community and, once completed, collect the forms and store them in the security folder. The forms will be maintained for the life of the system.

Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO will submit a construction phase checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist will identify all security accomplishments attained during the construction phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that should be created during the construction phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

- [Draft System Security Plan](#)
- [Draft Continuity of Support Plan](#)
- Draft Disaster Recovery Plan
- [Risk Assessment Report](#)
- Risk Assessment Corrective Action Plan
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Final MOU/ISA/TPA
- Completed User Background Investigation Clearance Form
- Approved User Access Request Form
- System Access Letters to Contractor Employees
- Final Configuration Management Plan



5.0 Deployment Phase System Security

In the Deployment phase, several security related activities introduced in prior phases will be brought to closure. The corrective action plan developed in the construction phase risk assessment must be implemented. Once implemented, each CAP element must be dated and initialed indicating completion of the element. The CAP must then be submitted to the SSO for maintenance.

The System Security Plan begun in the Construction phase must be completed prior to the system becoming operational. Upon completion of the plan, the SSO has the option to submit the SSP to FSA/CIO Security Office for a NIST Special Publication 800-18 compliance review. The review will identify potential areas of improvement and recommend corrective actions. Two more plans will be finalized during this phase. The Continuity of Support and Disaster Recovery plans should be completed and tested prior to the system becoming operational. These plans will provide detailed response procedures if a major disaster occurs or if the system goes offline unintentionally for any period of time.

During the Deployment phase, the system must prepare for final certification and accreditation activities. The system must prepare a certification package for the Certification Review Group to evaluate and test. The certification package must include the following: system security plan, continuity of support/disaster recovery plan, configuration management plan, risk assessment and the security test and evaluation plan, which is discussed in the next paragraph. The certification package must be delivered to the Certification Review Group for review.

The construction phase reviewed the security controls as they are documented. During deployment, as part of the certification and accreditation activities, a security test and evaluation (ST&E) plan must be created that will help to determine if the controls were implemented properly and effectively. To draft this document, the project team should first gather and be based all essential information from the system security plan, COS, DRP, configuration management plan, etc. It should also include the following elements:

- Penetration Testing
- System Management Infrastructure Analysis
- Site Evaluation

The system's security controls, including those controls implemented as a result of the corrective action, will be tested and evaluated by the Certification Review Group. All system security tests will be thoroughly documented and recorded in a formal test results document.

After reviewing the certification package and the testing results for content, quality, and degree of completion, the Designated Approving Authority (DAA) will determine the approval status, either full accreditation, Interim Approval to Operate, or Not to turn on. Finally, the SSO should attend the PRR as a security representative to respond to any concerns presented during the PRR. The SSO should obtain a copy of the signed accreditation letter and maintain a copy in the security folder.



The SSO should identify opportunities for security training that will directly support the job's performance. A schedule of proposed training opportunities should be created to assist the SSO plan an appropriate training regimen.

User access forms must be distributed by the SSO to all personnel who need access to the system before it becomes live. Upon completion, the SSO must collect the access request forms and maintain the forms in the security folder.

Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO will submit a deployment phase checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist will identify all security accomplishments attained during the deployment phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that will be created during the deployment phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

- Documented Completion of CAP from Construction Phase
- Final System Security Plan
- Final Continuity of Support Plan
- Final Disaster Recovery Plan
- [Security Test and Evaluation Plan](#)
- Certification Package
- Certification Letter
- Signed Accreditation Letter
- User Training Schedule
- Approved User Access Request Forms



6.0 Support and Retirement Phase System Security

After deployment, the system enters a period of support that maintains security through the final period in the system's lifecycle when the system is retired. Although our SLC process includes these two periods together into a single *Support and Retirement Phase*, the security related activities can be broken down into two periods: Support and Retirement.

6.1 Support Period

Once the system is deployed, several security activities and documents will be completed or updated. The System Security Plan will be reviewed and updated as the system undergoes major changes; that is, undergoes changes significant enough to alter the security posture of the system. OMB Circular A-130 Appendix III requires a review of security controls every three years or upon major system change. FSA recommends these reviews occur every year due to the rate of system change occurring at FSA. Also, the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requires a program and system review every year. The guidance to be used for this review can be found in the NIST Self Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems. The self-assessment review will assist the SSO and system owner determine security control priorities based on weaknesses in policy, procedures, implementation, testing, and integration.

The system must undergo a re-certification and accreditation every three years or upon major system change. This process will analyze any new functionality or configurations the system may have adopted as well as any associated security controls. The analysis must be documented in the certification package as appropriate, as it was in the previous phases.

While the system is in operation, the SSO is responsible for continuous personnel security maintenance. The SSO will review and authorize system access privileges on a per case basis, provide periodic review of user access privileges and delete user accounts as necessary. The SSO will identify potential new users, ensure clearance forms are completed by the new user(s), track the clearance process, and notify the user(s) when their clearance process has completed. The SSO will maintain a copy of the authorized access requests in the security file.

The SSO also is responsible for training requirements, namely rules of behavior and security awareness training. All new users must review, understand, and sign a rules of behavior form indicating their acknowledgment of acceptable system-related activities. Also, FSA policy directs all system users to undergo annual security awareness training. Along with the rules of behavior form, the SSO will direct all new users to receive security awareness training.

The Risk Management cycle also continues in the support phase. The testing of security controls in the Deployment phase may have identified areas of improvement. The test results should be implemented expeditiously. As new controls are implemented, testing procedures should be performed to ensure the controls adequately protect the intended assets. Also, as new threats are discovered from sources such as audit logs, security alerts, etc., the system's security controls should be updated in response. The COS



and DRP will be tested annually, while incorporating any new operational procedures in the system security plan.

Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO will submit a support period checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist will identify all security accomplishments attained during the support phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that will be created during the support phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

- Re-certified and Accredited certification package
- Documented Completion of Test Results
- Updated Operational Procedures



6.2 Retirement Period

The purpose of the retirement period is to ensure all sensitive data has been sanitized or destroyed once the system is no longer in service. The SSO will create an archive data retention matrix and destruction plan. This plan will guide the SSO and all associated personnel throughout the retirement phase. Any data to be reused will be archived in a useable format. Electronic records must be disposed/archived properly.

The physical destruction of all system material, data, etc. must be carefully managed. All electronic media must be sanitized (purged, overwritten, degaussed, or destroyed) when no longer needed. All printed-paper products with sensitive information must be destroyed and all documents must be destroyed when all data is destroyed.

Once all security tasks are completed and documented, the SSO will submit a retirement period checklist to the System Manager for signature. The checklist will identify all security accomplishments attained during the retirement phase as well the date of completion (See appendix B for sample checklist). The following table contains the security products that will be created during the retirement phase. Several of these products are not created entirely for the security of the system, but merely contain security-related information.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ED System Disposal Checklist• System Retirement Complete |
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Appendix A – Qualities and Responsibilities of a System Security Officer

The System Manager must formally appoint the SSO in writing as the person responsible for the day-to-day security operations of that system. If the Executive Sponsor has not formally appointed the System Manager, the Executive Sponsor should assume the role of the System Manager for the purpose of appointing the SSO.

A SSO should have a general knowledge of systems and exhibit the following qualities:

- ☐ Be capable of identifying system vulnerabilities and risks, and be able to recommend solutions to mitigate those risks
- ☐ Be familiar with the system and the system's security software
- ☐ Be familiar with the security requirements in the SLC
- ☐ Be able to react appropriately to system threats and incidents, including enactment of the system's Disaster Recovery Plan
- ☐ Have a functional knowledge of the business process the system supports
- ☐ Be familiar with Departmental and Agency security policy for IT systems
- ☐ Be trustworthy

SSOs implement FSA's security policy for a specific information system and are responsible for the protection and privacy of information processed or stored in that system. To fulfill these responsibilities, an SSO:

- ☐ Serves as the primary point of contact for all IT security matters of concern to the system
- ☐ Coordinates with the System Manager to determine appropriate security requirements for the system
- ☐ Serves as the system's configuration management champion by recommending approval / disapproval for system changes based on the risk to the security and privacy of the system
- ☐ Schedules and participates in system risk assessments
- ☐ Develops a risk mitigation strategy
- ☐ Coordinates the creation of the system's Disaster Recovery Plan, Continuity of Support Plan, Configuration Management Plan, and Security Plan,
- ☐ Implements and updates the system's Disaster Recovery Plan, Continuity of Support Plan, Configuration Management Plan and System Security Plan
- ☐ Coordinates certification and accreditation
- ☐ Coordinates requests for access ensuring proper clearances are completed, roles match access, and access is terminated when no longer required.
- ☐ Implements training and awareness for users in security and privacy matters
- ☐ Performs other functions that may be required to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of the system

Additional duties and responsibilities for System Security Officers can be found in the "[FSA Roles and Responsibilities](#)", and the Department of Education's "[Information Technology Security Policy](#)".



Appendix B – SLC Security Checklists



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Vision Phase

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Vision Phase. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Case	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RFP Security Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Task Order Security Components	
<input type="checkbox"/>	List of Business Partners	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment Letters	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Artifact file system	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Security Artifact File System	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SM name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Definition Phase

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Definition Phase. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Roles and Responsibilities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical Infrastructure Protection Survey	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GSS/MA Inventory Form	
<input type="checkbox"/>	System of Record Notice	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Privacy Impact Assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interconnected System'(s) Security Documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOU/ISA/TPA Draft	
<input type="checkbox"/>	C&A Project Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Rules of Behavior	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Constructed clearance requirement matrix	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved contractor access request form	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft Configuration Management Plan	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SSO name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Construction Phase

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Construction Phase. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft System Security Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft Continuity of Support Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft Disaster Recovery Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment Report	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment Corrective Action Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost Benefit Analysis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final MOU/ISA/TPA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed User Background Investigation Clearance Form	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved User Access Request Form	
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Access Letters to Contractor Employees	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Configuration Management Plan	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SSO name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Deployment Phase

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Deployment Phase. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documented Completion of CAP from Construction phase	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final System Security Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Continuity of Support Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Disaster Recovery Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Test and Evaluation Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Package	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Letter	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Accreditation Letter	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Training Schedule	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved User Access Request Forms	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SM name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Support and Maintenance Phase (Support Period)

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Support Period. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-certified and accredited certification package	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documented completion of test results	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Updated Operational Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Updated Testing Results	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SM name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Solution Life Cycle Security Checklist: Support and Retirement Phase (Retirement Period)

This form represents the completion of all security related activities for the Retirement Period. The diagram below represents the deliverables completed during the development of *enter system name*.

Check if Complete	Name of Deliverable	Date Complete
<input type="checkbox"/>	ED System Disposal Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Retirement Complete	

Insert additional comments here:

SSO Name: enter SSO name

SM Name: enter SM name

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



Appendix C - Assignment Letters

(TEMPLATE: System Manager Assignment Letter)

MEMORANDUM

<Month Day, Year>

To: <System Manager>
 <Title>

From: <Functional Manager>
 <Title>

Subject: Formal Appointment of System Manager
 <System Name>

This formally documents the appointment, effective immediately, of <System Manager> as the System Manager for the <System Name>. The System Manager is responsible for all actions related to the development, maintenance, and security of the <System Name>. They will provide advice to the Functional Manager on related matters and complete System Manager duties as described in FSA and Education policy, manuals, and guides.

cc: <FSA/OCIO>



(TEMPLATE: System Security Officer Assignment Letter)

MEMORANDUM

<Month Day, Year>

To: <System Owner>
 <Title>

From: <System Manager>
<Title>

Subject: Formal Appointment of System Security Officer
<System Name>

This formally documents the appointment, effective immediately, of the following individual(s) to the functions of System Security Officer (SSO) for the <System Name>. The SSO is responsible for implementation of security procedures directed by FSA, Education, and Federal Security Policy. They will provide advice to the System Manager on security related matters and complete SSO duties as described in FSA and Education policy, manuals, and guides. They will also participate as a member of the FSA Security Team led by the FSA Computer Security Officer.

<SSO's full name>	SSO
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<Alternate SSO's full name>	Alt-SSO	(if applicable)
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<System Manager signature>

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